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In the news...

• Ronald Winston, a New York jeweler, bought a 5.5-carat vivid orange diamond, the finest ever graded by the Gemological Institute of America, for \$1.3 million at a Sotheby's auction.

• Jonathan Nicholson of the University of Arizona, Joseph Burns of Cornell, Brett Gladman of the University of Toronto and J.J. Kavelaars of McMaster University in Canada have discovered two small moons orbiting Uranus – one 100 miles across, the other 50 miles across – bringing the number of moons circling the seventh planet to 17.

• John Lloyd, a forensic scientist, testified in New York that the FBI kept poor records and mis-handled evidence in the World Trade Center bombing investigation, making it impossible to say what caused the Feb. 26, 1993, explosion that killed six.

• John Pinter, vice president of the Polka Hall of Fame, is lobbying Milwaukee officials for a monument to his beloved music: a 20 to 30-story-tall statue of a polka player to be built on a Lake Michigan island and to be outfitted with high-speed elevators, an observation deck and lasers that can "be seen a score of miles away."

• Alan Chauncey, a West Virginia man accused of murder, robbery and rape in a nationwide crime spree, suffers from multiple personality disorder, according to an evaluation from the State Hospital in Little Rock. According to a forensic psychologist at the hospital, Chauncey has at least three personalities: one named David, a 76-year-old man named George and a 22-year-old woman named Stacy.

• Amal Abdel-Fattah was described as hysterical and angry after she came out of the delivery room, because the Cairo, Egypt, woman, whose doctor told her to expect twins, delivered six girls instead. The babies, who weighed 4.4 to 4.95 pounds, were all healthy.

The above news items were selected from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

Student Association sponsors first 'service weekend'

Becky Pratt
Bison staff writer

The Student Association (S.A.) is sponsoring two service projects during this semester – the Inner City Carnival and the Rake-N-Run. Both projects are part of the S.A.'s L.A.S.T. weekend. L.A.S.T., which stands for Living And Serving Together, is set for this weekend, Nov. 8-9.

"I am really hoping that every student will take advantage of the L.A.S.T. weekend," President Ryan Allan said. "It is a great opportunity to make a difference where we are. Many times people think that service projects take too much time and hard work. These projects each take up only one afternoon and are great chances to serve the community."

The Inner City Carnival has become a favorite project among students. This is the third year Harding will be involved with the carnival. Students will meet at the Ganus Athletic Center at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, for a church service before leaving in a caravan to North Little Rock. After meeting at a high school in North Little Rock, buses from the Housing Authority will transport students to the Silver City Courts housing project. The carnival itself will last from noon to 2 p.m. The carnival is held in conjunction with the River City Ministry program sponsored by churches of Christ in Little Rock.

"Last year we had 200 students participate in the carnival," Lyndsay Allan, carnival co-director, said. "We need anyone and everyone who is interested to just come out and play with the kids."

Twenty booths will be

set up at the carnival where students can play and interact with the kids. Some of the booths include a ring toss, bean-bag throw, basketball game, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, sucker board and fishing game. There will also be a clothing and toiletries booth where parents of the children can come and get necessities.

According to Allan and her co-director, Leslie Daniel, the focus of the carnival is the children. "The carnival is a good way to put our faith into action," Daniel said. "It's a really good cause – the children appreciate it so much."

"This is one of the neatest service projects because a lot of the work that is put into it goes unrecognized," Allan said. "The best service is unknown service."

Many students are participating this year for the first time. "I've done stuff like this back home," Jasmine Flagg, sophomore president, said. "I am really looking forward to getting involved in Little Rock. It is so comforting to give back to others."

Other students going this year are carnival veterans. "The reason I'm going back this year is for the kids," senior Mark Cross said. "I love to see them relax and have a good time and forget about their problems for a while. It is also good for us to get out of the Harding bubble and open our eyes to see what the real world is like."

The other service project of the L.A.S.T. weekend is the Rake-N-Run scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8, which is open to any student who wants to serve. The goal of Rake-N-Run is to rake the entire city of Searcy in one day.



1997 graduate Amanda Bawcom sits with inner city children during the 1995 carnival. Saturday's Rake-N-Run and Sunday's carnival make up the Student Association's Living and Serving Together weekend. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

Senior Matt Tibbles is responsible for the idea and execution of this project. "I really got the idea from one of my friends who is in youth ministry," Tibbles said. "The idea was discussed a little at the end of last year. This year, I told Ryan about it and he said he would love for the S.A. to get involved with it."

According to Tibbles, students will meet Saturday at 10 a.m. and break up into large groups that will first go to the various neighborhoods in Searcy. After covering the large neighborhoods, the groups will then go around and rake the smaller ones. The project will end at 6 p.m., followed by a devotional that is open to anyone who wants to come.

"The city of Searcy is excited about the project,"

Tibbles said. "The city's service clubs are behind us all the way."

After raking the yards, students will leave fliers that list the different congregations of churches of Christ in Searcy. "It really is a great opportunity to reach people for Christ in the community of Searcy," Tibbles said. "We can serve the Lord by serving the community."

Both the Inner City Carnival and Rake-N-Run still need students who are interested in serving others. Students interested in helping with the Inner City Carnival should contact Allan, Daniel or their class officers and continue to listen for announcements about meeting times. Students interested in helping with Rake-N-Run should contact Tibbles.

Soccer approved for fall 1998 season

Shellie Salza
Bison staff writer

Women's soccer is coming to Harding. Funding for a women's soccer team was approved Friday, Oct. 24, by the Board of Trustees. According to Athletic Director Greg Harnden, the team will have its first official season in the fall of 1998.

The team will compete in the Lone Star Division. Harnden also indicated that there will be limited scholarships available and that the University may soon be looking to hire a coach. Harnden said he believes that there will be a number of incoming freshmen who will be interested in playing for the new team.

Right now, there are two independent women's teams made up of Harding students playing in the Little Rock League. According

to junior Aimee Wilson of Talco, Texas, the teams received funding from Harding this year for uniforms, but are not eligible to participate on a NCAA level yet.

Associate professor of accounting, David Johnson has played a large role in helping to organize a women's team for Harding. "We're trying to help promote soccer and get teams organized," he said. The two independent teams have been practicing on a regular basis. "With two independent teams already in existence, we have a strong nucleus of players to start with," Johnson said.

Johnson is excited to see women's soccer coming to Harding. "So many times students come to Harding, giving up partial or full sports scholarships, because they want to be in

a Christian environment. They want to be here; they aren't here because they've been bought. It would be nice to be able to offer them a sports program with soccer," he said.

Tryouts for the two independent women's teams were held earlier during the semester. They are now scrimmaging each other and trying to schedule games with other schools as well. Unfortunately, regulations state that schools can only have a certain number of game and practice times, so schools already under regulations have a hard time making room in their schedules for more games. The Harding teams have played some local teams such as a Russellville women's soccer team.

When the completely funded and state-recognized Harding team starts

its first season next fall, they will spend most of September playing non-league games against local teams such as UCA, UALR and Hendrix. During October, the team will begin playing conference games that will require more traveling. Most of these games will take place in Central and West Oklahoma and Central and South Texas.

Sophomore Jennifer Humphrey from Russellville, Ark., played soccer in high school and has been playing with one of the two independent women's teams on campus this semester. "We are all really excited about getting a team started. We've waited a long time for a women's soccer team at Harding, and we're definitely ready to put out all the hard effort it takes to make a great team for the school," Humphrey said.

Kathryn's COMMENTS



Every year, during November and December, it seems as though the entire campus slips into a lax attitude. We all start counting the days until Thanksgiving break, then we number the ones until we leave for Christmas. For some, these final weeks of the semester are their final hoorah as they prepare to graduate.

By the time registration for the spring semester rolls around, we begin to realize that our papers and projects for this semester are due within a matter of weeks. Panic – whether it is over finishing a paper or finding a job for after graduation – takes over. We hibernate in the library or our rooms and spend our weekends pouring over our notes – right?

If you aren't too busy finishing (or starting!) your big project or paper, why not join in on the Student Association service weekend? Starting Saturday morning, students,

faculty, staff and community members will be gathering together to make this weekend special. The first Rake-N-Run and the annual Little Rock Inner City Carnival are excellent opportunities to pitch in and show Searcy and Arkansas how much we, some of us as temporary residents, care about the area.

But don't let your service end with Saturday night's devotional or the close of the carnival on Sunday. During this holiday time, we need to remember other people and communities that are in need of more than having the leaves raked or their children entertained for the afternoon.

My senior year in high school, I served as president of our school's Student's Helping Other People (S.H.O.P.) group. Every year at Christmas, our group held the tradition of adopting a needy family for whom to purchase gifts. We col-

lected change in the cafeteria and during homeroom period, then we went to the store to purchase gifts for the family members.

We would always try to get at least two toys for each child, plus warm pajamas and socks or a winter coat. For the parents, we would purchase sweaters or jackets. Always, we would deliver a basket full of food for Christmas dinner.

I never understood the effect we had on these families until I went with the delivery group to the family's home. When I saw the look in the parents' eyes as we placed the children's gifts under the scarcely-decorated Christmas tree, I realized how sad they must feel that they couldn't monetarily provide special treats for their children. However, by visiting with the children, I was able to see that the parents had provided the most important necessity – love.

The physical service we can do is important. Raking yards, providing fun for children, donating gifts to the Angel Tree project or giving food for hungry Arkansas are all valuable services. However, the service we can give through our words and our support will last much longer and have a greater effect than anything tangible that we can do.

Whether it is feeding Arkansans (by the way, aren't they going hungry this year?), raking all of Searcy's lawns in one afternoon, having fun with Little Rock's inner city children at the annual carnival, sending a note to a discouraged friend or praying with a troubled roommate, any service you are willing to volunteer will benefit you the most in the end.

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facing the ISSUES...

Our acceptance conflicts with our Christian values

Justin Lacey
Bison staff writer

How often do you look at the television rating symbol at the top corner of the screen or the viewer discretion advised message at the beginning of a program? Do you ever find a show so offensive that you change the channel or turn off the television?

Unfortunately, a growing number of our population answers these questions with "very often" and "hardly ever," respectively. We are quickly becoming passive to different television taboos. Vulgarity, homosexuality, adult dialogue and nudity have begun to inundate programming, especially during peak viewing hours.

Concerned parents have already noticed this trend and fought to control it. As a result, most programs begin with a rating symbol in the top left corner of the screen. However, the original system, which has been in use for a little over a year, is already being updated. This scale has been joined by a series of letters that represent warnings for language, sexual content and adult dialogue. The overall problem remains, however, because many of us, either by choice or lack of attention, miss the rating symbols while they are on the screen. As a result, we sit through programs that are in direct contrast to our Christian values.

In many cases, it appears as if we are just becoming used to the nature of these programs. As language and questionable lifestyles show up more often in programming, we slowly become used to it and allow it to not offend us. In some cases, we may even find ourselves laughing along with a distasteful joke or condoning the lifestyles we see portrayed. Do we ever stop to think of how this behavior might affect our future decisions? It is easy to turn acceptance

of TV values into an overall acceptance of our tolerant society.

We don't need to look far to find the questionable behavior portrayed in the media. Many shows about single young adults, such as *Friends*, focus a great deal on the sexual freedom of single people while avoiding the importance of abstinence until marriage. A second damaging trend is the acceptance of homosexual lifestyles on television. With the popularity of the "coming out" episode of *Ellen*, many more homosexual characters are appearing on TV. These problems will only grow as our tolerance increases.

I know that many of us do not want to admit that we have been lured in by the media, but we would be fooling ourselves if we said otherwise. Just stop and think about the programs you watched during the week – how many portrayed something that went against your value system? I would have to say that almost all of mine did. With this in mind, we must realize that, although we cannot change the content of the programming, we do have the power to monitor our own viewing habits. The fact that we have become passive to these television taboos is not necessarily written in stone. If we are determined, we can reverse our present trend towards overall acceptance to intolerance.

The next time the rating symbol shows up or the viewer discretion advised statement is made, think about the dangers of our acceptance of television taboos, and vow to do your part to reverse the trend toward acceptance.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Have we become passive to television taboos?

It's not about acceptance; it's about a realistic view

Hallie Gentry
Bison staff writer

On January 20, 1953, two important events were televised: Dwight D. Eisenhower's inauguration and the episode of *I Love Lucy* where Lucy gave birth to Little Ricky. The inauguration had 29 million viewers; the "Lucy goes to the Hospital" episode had 44 million viewers – 15 million more than the inauguration.

Why did *I Love Lucy* get so many more viewers than the inauguration of the president of the United States? *I Love Lucy* was breaking a taboo: never before had a pregnant woman been shown on television, much less one going into labor. I wonder if that episode of *I Love Lucy* had so many viewers for the same reason that the coming-out episode of *Ellen* did? Everybody was curious because a taboo was being broken and wanted to see it happen.

A taboo is just an act, person or a way of life that is either avoided or prohibited by society. Taboos are often avoided or prohibited because they offend just a small number of people. For instance, it used to be taboo to show a husband and wife in the same bed. I can't imagine why anyone would avoid showing that – even the youngest children know that their mother and father sleep in the same bed at night. It was also taboo to show a black person or black family, to kiss or to say the word "pregnant."

We are not passive to television taboos, but we willingly allow things to be shown because we realize that, in real life, everybody is not white, happy and living in the suburbs.

I think that television helps us to take a peek into other peoples' lives. It allows us to know what it is like to be a doctor or a policeman, a single mother or a sibling in a large family. If we know the kind of problems other people face, maybe we can understand each other better and help each other out along the way.

When a taboo is broken, it often allows a show to be more realistic in the situation it is depicting. American people want to know exactly what it is like in other peoples' lives. They want to know exactly what it is like to be an inner city teacher and walk into a classroom full of students who are not eager to learn. Americans know that these teachers often walk into classrooms full of students who don't want to be there.

The sitcom *Ellen* is the most recent example of a show breaking a taboo by having a homosexual as the leading character. They have recently taken it a little further and crossed another taboo by having Ellen kiss one of her girlfriends. After *Ellen* had broken the first taboo, having Ellen kiss her girlfriend was the only way to make the show realistic. Although many people don't like it, those people who practice a homosexual lifestyle do kiss their partners, just like doctors and nurses often see bloody and gory things in the emergency room. Some of that has to be shown, or at the very least, strongly implied to make any show believable.

American television viewers are demanding shows to be more realistic. They are tired of seeing how life should be or could be; they want to see how life really is. People who don't want these taboos broken are denying reality. Instead of sheltering ourselves, we should expose ourselves to life's realities so that we are able to go out and deal with life in a realistic manner.

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this week in HISTORY

1889 – North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states of the United States.

1920 – KDKA Pittsburgh was the first commercial radio station to broadcast regular news programs. They reported the presidential election returns for 1920.

1922 – King Tutankhamen's treasure-filled tomb was discovered in Egypt.

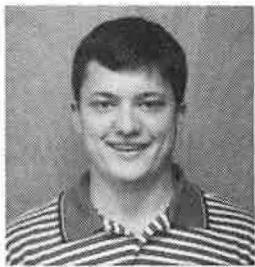
1966 – NBC became the first television network to broadcast exclusively in color.

1979 – Iranian militants took 62 American hostages from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

getting PERSONAL

Stand in awe of Him

Andrew Baker
Bison columnist



As I considered the topic for this article, I thought about the attitude I had today when I was typing this article the first time. Somehow, after it was finished, I accidentally erased it. As some staff and I searched for it on the hard drive, I inwardly groaned when we couldn't find it. Because of this experience, I have decided to write about the groans and complaints that are heard ringing from the Benson and Administration Auditoriums when students are asked to stand and sing during chapel. I am aware that not everyone loves chapel. There are days that I wish I could go home and crawl back in bed. Just because we would choose not to be in chapel is not justification for what has been going on. I am aware that because we have come to chapel doesn't always mean we are worshiping, but when we begin a song, a prayer or a devotional thought, then we each are in the presence of God.

Think about that for a minute. We are each in the presence of God. Have you ever noticed what happened to men in the Bible when they entered into God's presence? Some, out of respect, fell to the ground or became silent. Others who disrespected God, died. That might sound a little harsh, but that is what God did to Aaron's sons in Leviticus 10. I am not saying that we all need to fall to the ground or be silent, but I would think some respect would be in order.

A few weeks ago, I recall being in chapel and the song leader asked the audience to stand and sing. I was shocked by the groan that proceeded and then how funny everyone found it to be. During lunch yesterday, a freshman informed me that a similar event had occurred during freshmen chapel. When the song leader asked the audience to stand, there was a two-minute groan, and when a comment was made by the song leader in reference to the groaning, some students began to complain.

Have you ever thought about the thousands of men and women who have died so that we can worship God as freely and as openly as we do? I know many people who only dream of being able to join 3000 brothers and sisters in singing praises to God.

I understand that some people don't see this as a problem, but it is. When we enter into a devotion to God, we are then in His presence. Think of the example that you set when you groan aloud for having to worship God. I am convinced that God has a sense of humor. Just look at me, and you can see that to be true. But I am also sure that God can be really serious at times. I would pray that we, as Christians, would have respect enough for the Creator of the Universe that we would be honored and humbled to be able to stand and praise Him. The writer of Hebrews says it best when he writes:

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28-29).

Maybe from now on when you are asked to participate in chapel, you can do so as this song says:

"You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depths of your love? You are beautiful beyond description - majesty enthroned above. And I stand, I stand in awe of you. Holy God through whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you."

May we remember that, when we stand, we are standing for Him and not for anyone else!



Join the Walk for Life

- The following article was submitted by Miriah Schmidt of the Students for Life Association -

We were told in a committee by an attending nurse that the little arms and legs stop flailing and suddenly stiffen as the scissors are plunged in. People who say "I feel your pain," aren't referring to that little infant.

What kind of people have we become that this "procedure" is even a matter of debate? Can't we draw the line at torture? And baby torture at that? If we can't, what has become of us? We're all incensed about ethnic cleansing. What about infant cleansing?

Congressman Henry J. Hyde, in "An Assault on the Moral Foundation of our Democracy," has said, "There's no argument here about when human life begins. The child who is destroyed is unmistakably alive, unmistakably human and unmistakably brutally destroyed."

The reason I believe so strongly about saving the life of a child is that all babies in the womb are human. I also believe that everyone has a chance at life and that there is a risk in everything we do.

There are so many other choices that a person has other than taking the life of a child. There are many couples who are unable to have children and would make wonderful parents for a baby. I understand that there are cases in which a girl may be afraid to tell her parents, and that, too, is a scary thought. Think about how hard it is for you to be in a doctor's office and feel the pain of him taking the life of your child.

Here are a few facts about abortion from *Sing a Little Louder* by Penny Lea:

1. In the United States, it is legal to abort any baby up until birth.
2. Every day in America, nearly 4,400 babies die painful deaths by dismemberment, chemical poisoning, lethal injections into the heart, being torn limb for limb, and now, partial-birth abortions.
3. Abortion has two victims - the baby and the mother. Many women who have abortions suffer physically, as well as from anxiety, grief, infection and sterility. Death is also not uncommon as a result of having an abortion.
4. Only one percent of abortions are performed as a result of rape or incest. Most abortions are done as a form of birth control because the baby is considered "inconvenient," "too expensive" or a "burden."

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Students for Life and College Republicans are sponsoring the annual "Walk for Life." Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Benson lobby, and the walk begins at 9 a.m. The fee is only \$5, and we will be finished by the beginning of the Student Association's "Rake-N-Run." There will be two gift certificates presented at the end, but you must be present to win. Hot chocolate and donuts will be provided, compliments of ARAMARK.

The proceeds from the walk will be going to the Searcy Friends for Life Crisis Pregnancy Center, which plans to open in January of 1998. We need all the support we can get, so please make plans to help save the life of a child.

The Right for Life Crusade, Inc., states, "If he is not alive, why is he growing? If he is not a human being, what kind of being is he? If he is not a child, why is he sucking his thumb? If he is a living, human child, why is it legal to kill him?"

Conversation starters...



- November is peanut butter lover's month. Peanut butter was invented in November of 1895.
- November is International Creative Child and Adult Month, designed to help people appreciate the importance of creativity in themselves and others.
- Nov. 7 is Republican Elephant Day. Illustrator Thomas Nast first used the elephant as a symbol of the Republican Party in 1874.
- Nov. 11 is God Bless America Day. Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on network radio in 1939.

Information for this week in history and conversation starters is from *Celebrate Today!*, Prima Publishing, 1996.

Institute for Church and Family Resources starts on Harding campus

April Mouser
Bison staff writer

Not all congregations enjoy a friendly environment or have access to highly trained Christian counselors. The Institute for Church and Family Resources (ICFR), a new University-based organization, hopes to remedy this situation.

Executive Director Howard Norton said that he wants a family in upstate New York to have access to the same resources a Searcy family may obtain by walking into the McInteer building. "A Christian college such as Harding is a pool of talent that draws from all over the United States and the world," Norton said. "Our goal is to unite forces to produce the products people need."

The idea for such an organization began with a conversation between Dr. David Burks, Dr. Carl Mitchell and Nathan Mellor. According to ICFR's mission statement, it will offer options to "embattled

families and churches (who) are seeking practical responses to growing threats to biblical values virtually unprecedented in American history."

ICFR's priorities for the coming year include publications, a Web site and a national family hot line.

Norton, who edited Oklahoma Christian University's *Christian Chronicle* for 15 years, said the organization plans to develop a new publication for the brotherhood. Another publication in the works is a high school curriculum for Sunday morning classes and Wednesday evening studies. Mellor, an alumnus and the assistant director of ICFR, said, "It will be Bible-based and user-friendly. We're looking for people who have been creating similar curricula for years."

Mellor also directs Uplift Summer Camp which will now be under the direction of ICFR. He travels one day each week to

churches across the state and country to gain support. "The church and family are the two most important things in life," Mellor said. "A strong church helps the family. ICFR integrates them."

ICFR also plans to develop a distance learning project. This includes the Internet, interactive video and videotapes. According to Mellor, all of these resources are designed to get families back into the church building. "It's a national outreach," Mellor said. "Families won't be attracted to the church unless they're able to heal. We have to show them that what Jesus and the Bible offer are the true solution to the problems facing families in America."

Norton and Mellor admit that the mission of ICFR is similar in scope to that of nationally known Focus on the Family. "Focus on the Family is an inspiration to us of what can be done. But it's just that; it focuses on the family.



Nathan Mellor, assistant director of the Institute for Church and Family Resources, discusses the day's agenda with office manager Alison Baird. The Institute began on the Harding campus this fall. Photo by Channing Bradford.

ICFR's first set of goals focus more on the church congregation," Norton said.

Unlike Focus on the Family, Norton says ICFR has no political interest. "We're not changing the way the government looks on the family; we're changing the way the family looks on the family."

Norton wants students

to get involved. "The student body is a great way to learn about the family. They are much closer than most of us to what they consider the real problems," he said.

Mellor said, "We are still in the planning stages. People call ICFR very ambitious, but we believe it's definitely a dream worth shooting for."

Alpha Chi Malachi focuses attention on fellowship, insight and community service

Melissa Jackson
Bison staff writer

Familiar, brightly-colored posters adorn the bulletin boards in the McInteer building to announce the meetings of Alpha Chi Malachi, a club for students majoring or minoring in biblical languages, missions, religious education and Bible.

The purpose of Alpha Chi Malachi is two-fold. One purpose is to bring everyone together for a time of fellowship. Aaron Pugh, a junior Bible major who serves as president, said, "You can be in classes with the same people and not really get to know them, so a goal for our group is to create unity that we don't get during class."

During the fellowship time, the group often discusses classes or issues that they struggle with.

"Some of the older guys in the club get a chance to give insight to the younger ones who may be having a hard time with certain classes," Pugh said.

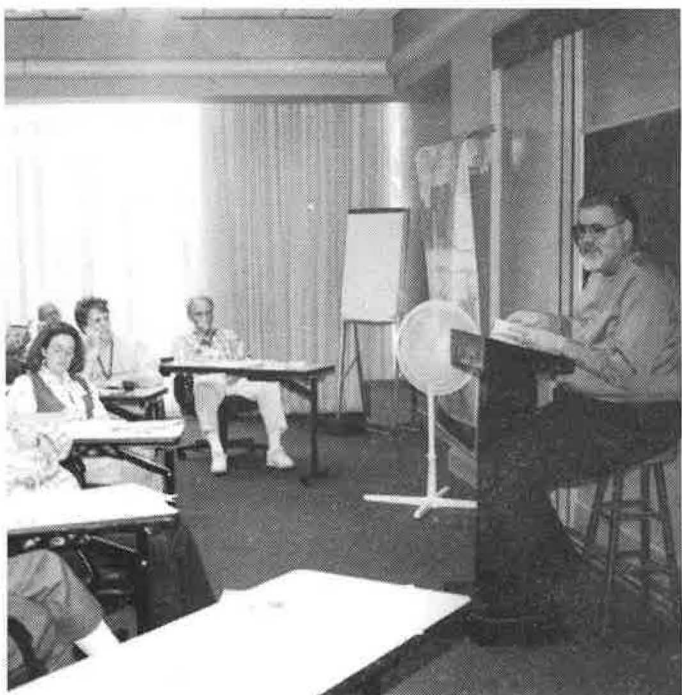
The other purpose is to hear speakers present topics relevant to Bible and ministry. Pugh said the club tries to get a wide variety of "experts" to teach the issues of today. For example, Bruce McLarty and Dr. Paul Pollard recently spoke on the topic of homosexuality and how ministers should deal with its growing acceptance. Tom Eddins spoke to the group about the devotional life of a minister and, last year, Chancellor Cliff Ganus spoke about generational differences in the church.

Although the club has traditionally not been a service organization, they hope to move toward being

more service-oriented, according to Alan Howell, vice president and a sophomore Bible and business major. "Many of the members are already involved in service groups, so serving has not always been a main focus," he said.

This year, the club is considering reaching out to the community by helping the elderly change the batteries in their smoke alarms. Pugh said he thinks the members of the club need to "get out of the safe haven here at Harding and reach out to those who need help the most."

Both men and women are a part of Alpha Chi Malachi, and the organization usually has 30 to 40 people at the bimonthly meetings. Pugh said that, even though the club is designed for Bible majors, the meetings are open to anyone.



Members of last week's Seniors College listen to Dr. Paul Haynie's presentation, "The Five Most Important Shots Fired in the Civil War." According to Brett Watson, director of Alumni Relations, 40 seniors attended the week of fellowship, learning and the "college experience," without any of the stresses of homework, tests and grades. Of the 40 seniors in attendance, 25 were alumni and 15 were simply "friends of Harding." During the week, the seniors attended three courses taught by Haynie, Dr. Terry Edwards and Dr. Cliff Ganus III. Seniors traveled to participate in the activities from Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Washington and Arkansas. Photo by Channing Bradford.

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Circle K defines image and purpose

Sean Williams
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If an institution such as Harding wants to project a Christian attitude, its organizations must be willing to devote themselves to that same persona. One part of that persona is serving others. By showing genuine compassion for others and giving their time and effort, Circle K is projecting a Christian attitude for Harding.

To many, Circle K is a mystery. It is an international club that parallels Key Club in high schools or a Kiwanis Club. According to their faculty sponsor, Bryan Burks, "The purpose of Circle K, in a nutshell, is to serve others." The organization does quite a bit to serve their purpose.

One activity of Circle K this semester was a field day for the Housing Authority children. This gave underprivileged children a chance to compete in sporting events. The members performed skits, gave

devotionals and provided refreshments for the children.

Circle K does not, however, focus only on children. Every Thursday night, members of Circle K are at the Oakdale Nursing Home in Judsonia singing to the residents.

Circle K also works at keeping the highways looking neat and tidy. This service project was even noted by President David Burks who praised Circle K by saying, "I appreciate Circle K's constant service to others. The highway pick-up is just one example of how they work with Kiwanis and the rest of our community to make it a better place."

Sophomore Tabitha Hayes is the president of Circle K. She expressed her wishes to increase student awareness of the organization and to double its membership, which is currently 24 members. "We've been busy this fall working through the Student Association to let



Circle K President Tabitha Hayes and Angela Reeves discuss the group's next project during a recent meeting. Circle K has worked extensively this semester in community service. Photo by Channing Bradford.

people know what we are all about," Hayes said. She said she believes that Circle K will be able to raise the level of participation through exposure.

Even though Circle K has done a lot this semester, they aren't finished. At Christmas, they plan to have a party for the residents at the Oakdale Nursing Home and at the local Sunshine School. Circle K is also trying to raise funds for missionaries overseas.

Hayes expressed her love for what she does. "It's amazing to see the transformation that takes place in people when they are serving others. I believe that, if we are serving the way God truly wants us to, then we can't help but feel it. When we serve in that way, it becomes addictive and we keep going back."

Officers for this year are Hayes; Angela Reeves, vice president; and Loren Watts, secretary.

Alumna added to Physical Science Department

Elizabeth Smith
Bison staff writer

Walking across campus at the beginning of the fall semester was not new for Autumn Sutherlin. Yet, grading assignments rather than reading them, conducting lectures rather than absorbing them and having an office rather than a dorm room across campus are all new experiences for her. Sutherlin, age 22, graduated just last May and is the newest and youngest addition to the Physical Science Department this year.

Hardly a stranger to the campus, Sutherlin readily accepted a position to teach for a year after she graduated with her B.S. degree in biochemistry. As an associate instructor, she is teaching several chemistry classes and labs, as well as Survey of Physical Science.

Working with the Uni-



Autumn Sutherlin explains atoms during her Survey of Physical Science class. A recent graduate, Sutherlin is enjoying her time as an instructor at Harding. Photo by Channing Bradford.

versity immediately after her own graduation has offered Sutherlin the opportunity to teach with the same faculty members that instructed her. "Everyone has made me feel very comfortable and has had lots of patience," Sutherlin said of her fellow faculty members. Dr. David Cole,

chair of the Physical Science Department, said on behalf of the department, "The physical science graduates from last year were an especially talented group. Autumn was one of our more academically gifted graduates who had an interest in teaching. We are happy that she was willing

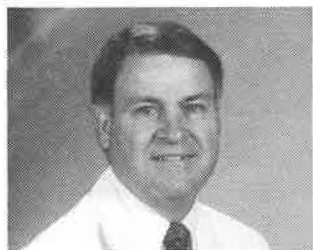
to help us for a year. She is making the transition from student to faculty well."

Although she had not originally planned to teach at the collegiate level quite this soon, Sutherlin comes from a family with a strong base in education. Her father, Dr. Gordon Sutherlin, teaches in the School of Education and her mother is head of the math department at Cabot High School.

As a student here, Sutherlin participated in many campus activities that ranged from secretary of Regina social club to historian of the physical science club, now known as the Gedanken Society. Yet, her fondest memories are of spending the past two summers on evangelistic campaigns in southern New Zealand. "Now I have family on the other side of the world," she said.

Although Sutherlin is unsure of exactly where she will be next year, she does plan to attend graduate school and pursue an advanced degree in biochemistry, and eventually do research. As for this year, she summed up her feelings by saying, "I just want to help my students enjoy the subject and have some sort of appreciation for it."

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Campus events...

- Students are invited to meet for an 8 a.m. worship in the Ganus Athletic Center before leaving for the Inner City Carnival Sunday morning. Plenty of transportation to the event will be available.

- The Lady Bisons will play Cameron University tonight at the Ganus Athletic Center at 7 p.m.

- The campus movies this weekend are *A Simple Wish*, showing tonight at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and *Lost World*, playing Saturday night at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

- The Sears Learning Center is hosting a seminar focusing on study skills Monday, Nov. 10, in the Heritage Room from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 6-8 p.m., Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, will host their third annual Poetry Reading. The reading will feature Eve Clevenger, Dr. Terry Edwards, Mark Farrar, Dr. Pat Garner, Dr. Jeff Hopper, Robin Jubela, Michael Lair, Marty Rowe, Ivy Sanders, and Jen Thweatt. The cover charge is \$2, and students are advised to come early to find a seat.

- The Career Center is hosting a graduate school fair Thursday, Nov. 13, in the student center lobby from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

- Tickets for the Nov. 14 1964 concert are available at the Benson ticket window. The cost is \$6.

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Communication faculty tours Reynolds Center

Sonya Sawyer
Bison staff writer

The excitement is contagious in the music and communication departments, where the plans that will move the departments from their respective locations are progressing rapidly. The Communication Department went on a walk-through with the architect last Thursday and discussed elements, completion dates and color motifs for the new Donald W. Reynolds Center for Communication and Music, which has been under construction since the spring. The Music Department was unable to tour the building formally and postponed their walk-through until the beginning of next semester.

The new building will provide the music department with an entire wing in which to function, and it includes many new facilities. Among them are a recital hall, a choral hall and an omni hall that can be used as a multi-purpose classroom. The plans also provide for a music library and practice rooms, each furnished with a piano. These rooms especially will be a drastic improvement over those in use

now, which "don't all have pianos, are not acoustically isolated and are too small," Dr. Arthur Shearin, chairman of the Music Department, said.

The plans for the Communication Department are no less elaborate. New classrooms and offices will bring all of the faculty and classes together in one building. Therapy rooms will allow students to treat communication disorders while teachers monitor them with video cameras. This will give patients more privacy while still letting teachers observe. The new building will also include a new television studio and facilities for radio production.

Both departments are enthusiastic about the move. Since 1973, the Communication Department has been located in the Ganus building, which was originally built as a student center and has been modified over the years. The Music Department is looking forward to the superior acoustics as well as the extra space the new building will afford. "We're very pleased with the quality of the construction and the appear-

ance of the building," Shearin said. These new facilities will also allow both departments to do all of their work in one building instead of moving around campus. Classes for Music Appreciation will be held in the omni hall instead of in the science building, and communication classes will no longer be spread among the Ezell, Administration and Ganus buildings. "We're really glad to be able to bring the entire department together," Dr. Michael James, chairman of the Communication Department, said. The departments will share common space, such as the lobby, the lounges and the study rooms.

The construction of the building is on schedule; it will be in the dry by mid-December and is expected to be finished in time for the fall semester of 1998. A fountain is planned for the front of the building to complement the brick and cut stone. A new south entrance to campus from the Beebe-Capps Expressway will be paved for the convenience of students, faculty members and visitors. Inside the building, a Macintosh laboratory will be open to all students.



Members of the Communication Department and Dr. Neale Pryor listen to architect Jeff Prince as he explains the benefits of the new Reynolds Center for Communication and Music. The newest addition to the Harding campus is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1998. Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



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SPORTS

Bison basketball team additions boost chances of winning season

Bryan Burleson
Bison staff writer

Having a sensational season end in the first round of nationals competition, the Bison basketball team, like a feeding frenzy of sharks, have tasted victory, and this year they want the whole thing. The Bisons posted a 17-11 record in 1996-97 and are looking this year for higher goals.

Seven seniors, a junior transfer, two prospering freshmen and one injured sideliners make up the established men's basketball team.

Returning starters are 6'6" senior Carlton Bryant at the power forward spot and 6'6" senior J.R. Duke at the other power forward position. Both are expected to receive an All-Star bid by the end of the season. A four-year starter with a career average of 10.7 ppg and 4.5 assists a game, 5'11" senior Cliff Miller will play point guard. Matt Daniel, also a 5'11" senior who led the Southwest region in assists last year and averaged 7.5 points a game, will be at the other guard spot.

A 6' 8" junior, Brent Adams will be in the post position, and the lone sophomore, 6' 2" Felix Jones, is at the other guard position.

Other key returners are Sammy Ussery, a 5'10" senior who averaged 5.6 points a game last year, and Calvin Bowens, who was injured in the 1995 season and did not play in the 1996-97 season.

Sophomore guard Levern Floyd, who averaged 4.8 points a game, will play a key role in the Bisons' run for national recognition this season.

Newcomers to the team are a junior transfer from Abilene Christian, 6' 7" point guard Steve Meadors, a 6' 5" freshman guard, Scott Guttery, who averaged an astounding 19.5 points a game as a high school senior and 6' 4" freshman Bryan Tanner from Blytheville High School in Arkansas. They hope to add fuel to the steaming Bison basketball program.

Three redshirt freshmen from last year will add youth and energy. Clint Spencer (6' 5"), Ryan Semanchik (6' 2") and 6' 4" David Duke, who is coming back from an injury early last year, are all looking for playing time. With plenty of eligibility left, their hard work in practice will pay off for the starters and will get them experienced for later games.

Coach Jeff Morgan looks to take the Bison squad through a rough schedule in the Lone Star Conference. Harding is part of the North Division, which includes Ouachita Baptist and six Oklahoma teams - Cameron, Central State, East Central, Northeastern State, Southeastern and Southwestern.

Outside their division, the Bisons will play tough southern teams like Abilene Christian and Angelo State, with long road trips to West Texas A&M and Eastern New Mexico.

The Bison team is sprinkled with talent in height, experience and depth. Morgan's only concerns are the team's work ethic and chemistry. At Midnight Madness, the

Bisons looked energetic and healthy and the student body appeared ready for another winning season. Morgan and the Bisons are focusing on a national title run.

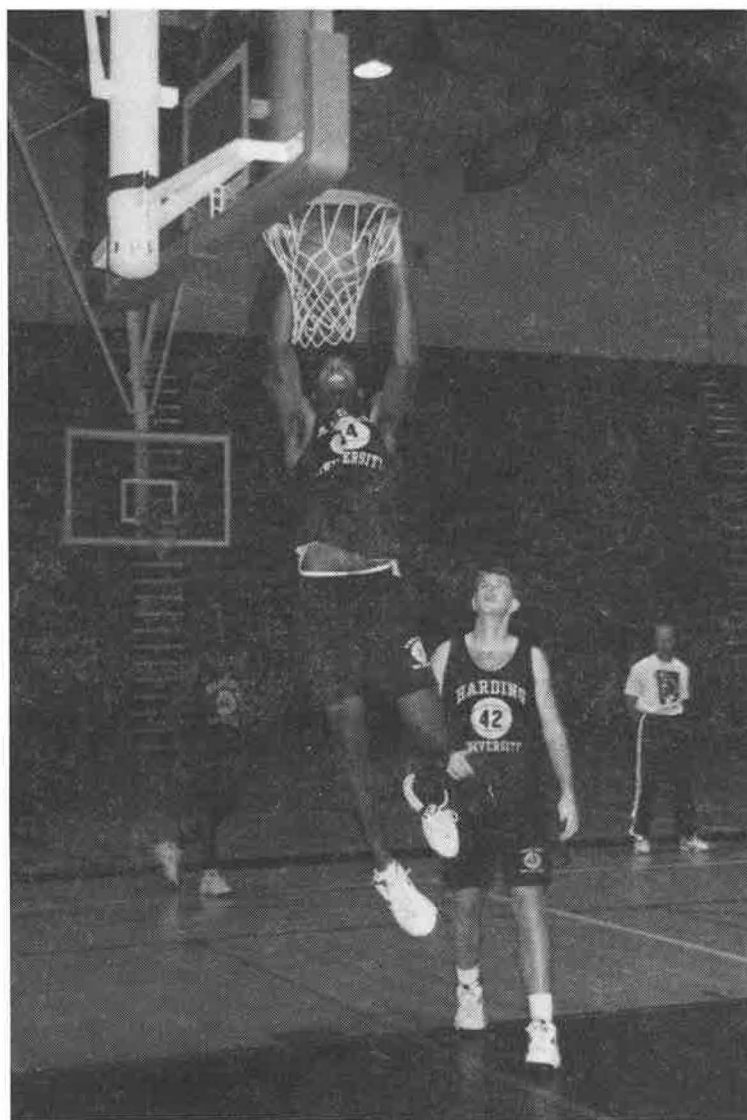
The Bisons will play their first game of the season at home against a tough Christian Brothers University team.

This will be their only game before rival Abilene Christian University travels to Harding on Nov. 20 for the first Lone Star Conference game of the

1997-98 basketball season.

Both Bison and Lady Bison basketball squads will face the ACU Wildcats in the newly renovated Rhodes Memorial Fieldhouse. Fans are encouraged to attend a pre-game ceremony before the Lady Bisons 6:00 game.

There will be a formal presentation of the new gymnasium opening to the basketball programs. There will also be a presentation given in honor of a former basketball player from Harding.



Junior point guard Steve Meadors dunks during a drill at practice. Meadors is a transfer student from Abilene Christian. Photo by Channing Bradford.

Sports Notes

United States ties Mexico

The United States World Cup soccer team tied Mexico in Mexico City to put a halt to a 17-game losing streak.

For the first time in 17 attempts, the Americans, who are struggling to qualify for the 1998 World Cup, came out of Mexico City without a loss.

The United States can move into commanding position for a World Cup berth with a tie Sunday at Canada and possibly a clinch of a World Cup berth with a victory.

The Americans play their final game of the qualifying round against El Salvador on Nov. 16 at Foxboro, Mass.

Daly loses deal with Reebok

John Daly's lucrative endorsement deal with Reebok, first negotiated after he won the PGA Championship in 1991, will not be renewed, leaving Daly with Callaway Golf as his only major sponsor.

The decision by Reebok was strictly a business matter and had nothing to do with Daly's two trips to alcohol rehabilitation, sources told the Associated Press.

The Reebok deal brought Daly between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year, along with shoes, shirts and pants, a source said.

Garcia unanimous AL Rookie of the Year

Nomar Garcia was the unanimous winner of the American League Rookie of the Year award Monday following one of the best seasons ever by a shortstop.

Garcia hit .306 for the Boston Red Sox with 30 home runs, 98 RBI, 122 runs and 22 steals. He set major league records for most RBI by a leadoff hitter and most home runs by a rookie shortstop.

Kenyan captures marathon

Kenya's John Kagwe, running the last couple of miles Sunday with a loose shoelace, bolted away from two-time champion German Silva and won the New York City Marathon in near-record time.

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Cross Country team nears final meet



Lady Bison runners Dianne Grubbs (left), Tia Tarole and Cheri Scharff practice off-campus for the regional meet. Photo by Channing Bradford.

Ryan Puckett
Bison staff writer

The Harding University women's cross country team made a strong showing at the Lone Star Conference championship meet by coming in third, with 13 teams participating. The Lady Bisons were led by sophomore Cheri Scharf, who finished seventh in the conference with a time of 18:47 in the 5000-meter race, barely missing her personal best time of 18:40. Scharf was also named to the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team because of her 3.52 grade point average in psychology.

Freshman Tia Tarole came in 16th for the Lady Bisons with a time of 19:22. Tarole's best time of the year is 18:36 in the 5000-meter race. "I am pretty happy with the way I have run this year, but there is always room for improvement, and I feel I haven't reached my full potential yet," Tarole said.

Sophomore Kelly Lauterbach finished right behind Tarole at 17 with a time of 19:24. Lauterbach's best time this year in the 5K run is 18:42. Lauterbach also

made the All Academic Team with a 3.91 grade point average in elementary education. "I feel we have had a good season; all the girls have run their fastest times, which has been neat because we're in Division II and we have still done a good job," Lauterbach said.

Another sophomore, Diane Grubbs, came in 21st with a time of 19:35. Grubbs was also on the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.52 grade point average in print journalism. Sophomore Katie Fant finished the race with a time of 21:35; she was also on the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.91 grade point average in elementary education.

The Harding University men's cross country team also made a strong showing at the championship meet as they finished in third place out of 11 teams. Senior Seth Crum led the Bisons as he finished the 8000-meter race with a time of 26:54. Crum's best time in the 8K is 25:50. Crum also made the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.45 grade point average in computer science.

Senior Tommy Noel finished the race in 16th place for the Bisons with a time of 27:36, but Noel's best time in the 8K this year is 25:40. "I feel our team reached our potential and we did the best we could," Noel said.

Senior Jonathon Dandy finished the race in 22nd place with a time of 27:58. Dandy's best time this year in the 8K is 26:23. Dandy made the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 3.97 grade point average in physics and math. "I will try to do the best I can in regionals; I hope I can make it to nationals," Dandy said.

Senior Tyson Ledgerwood finished the race tied with freshman Donnie Stover - they each ran the race in 28:24. Stover was also included on the Lone Star Conference All Academic Team with a 4.0 grade point average in psychology and Bible.

Regionals will be held this Saturday in Nebraska. All five members of the women's cross country team will be competing at the tournament, and the Bison men will be represented at the meet by Crum, Noel and Dandy.

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Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

The Bison football team will face a Lone Star Conference rival as they head to Arkadelphia on Saturday to play the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers.

The Bisons hold a slight 19-17-4 edge against one of Harding's oldest rivals.

The ties between Ouachita and Harding have always been strong because both institutions are in existence for similar reasons. The Tigers and the Bisons are the only two private universities in the

state of Arkansas that support football programs.

The ties have grown even stronger since the two universities were the only ones from the former Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference to find a home in the Lone Star Conference.

Ouachita has chosen Harding as its homecoming game, despite Harding's six-game win streak against the Tigers.

Harding's offense has gotten back on track after a 41-21 Homecoming victory against East Central University.

"I was pleased with the

way we came out early and took control of the game against ECU," Coach Randy Tribble said. "We must prepare for Ouachita's wishbone offense, knowing that their big plays seem to come from throwing off the option."

Tailback Chris Pierson is averaging 124 yards rushing per game and quarterback Luke Cullins is averaging 135 yards passing per game.

Sophomore Jeremy Thompson has been extremely consistent, kicking 24 of 24 extra points and his longest field goal being from 51 yards out.

OBU's offense is evenly distributed between their running and passing game. Both prove to be very effective means of moving the ball.

Rico McClarity, their leading rusher, averages 4.6 yards per carry and has caught 17 passes for 183 yards.

Ouachita's quarterback, Matthew Wallace, has thrown for 1100 yards and seven touchdowns on 65 of 155 passing.

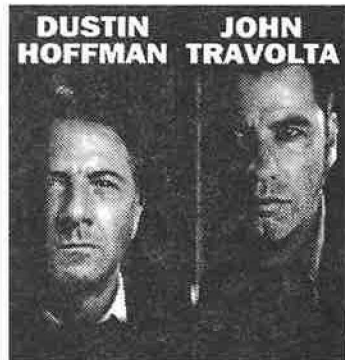
"We are impressed by McClarity and wide receiver Damien Harris," Tribble said. "It's homecoming and their last game of the year, so they will be ready for us."

The Tigers' defensive weapon lies in Ben Wright. Wright has had 91 tackles, three interceptions, nine pass breakups, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

"Ouachita is a very tough team," quarterback Luke Cullins said. "They have a powerful defensive line."

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